

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims:

Claims 1-17 were pending in the application prior to this amendment.

By this Amendment, claims 14-17 have been canceled.

II. Allowed Claims:

Claims 1-13 were previously indicated as allowed by the Examiner.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 14-17 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,549,729 B1 to Robbins et al. (hereafter, "Robbins") in view of US 5,249,058 to Murata et al. (hereafter, "Murata").

Applicants have amended the application to cancel claims 14-17. As a result, Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

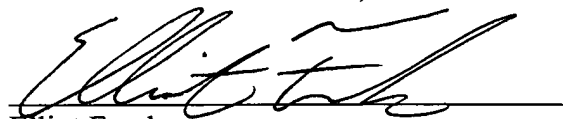
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5223.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5223.

Respectfully submitted,
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